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LOCAL DRIVER LICENSE OFFICE TO CLOSE THIS MONTH

~ Customers still have convenient locations to get driver licenses ~

FT. WALTON BEACH - The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles announces upcoming changes to your local driver license office. The Department will no longer offer services at 115-D NW Racetrack Road, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547, after 5 p.m. on Sept. 24, 2010.

The Department will continue to serve motorists at the office located at 197-A East James Lee Blvd., Crestview, FL 32536. The Okaloosa County Tax Collector's office also provides driver license services at three convenient locations.

- 4012 Commons Dr. West, Unit 122 (Destin)
 - 73 Eglin Parkway, Suite 111 (Fort Walton Beach)

• 506 Highway 85 North (Niceville)

"We appreciate the growing partnership we share with Okaloosa County Tax Collector Chris Hughes," said Division of Driver Licenses Director Sandra Lambert. "As we continue to transition driver license services to tax collectors statewide, Chris Hughes' ability to adapt during this economic climate and his willingness to put customers first will ensure Okaloosa County motorists are provided the best possible service."

"We've overcome some obstacles and continue to work with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to make the transition as smooth and seamless as possible for our customers," said Okaloosa Tax Collector Chris Hughes. "We hope to continue this strong working relationship as the transfer of services continues."

The Department encourages customers to skip the trip and conduct their driver license transactions online whenever possible. Customers can renew driver licenses, identification cards and vehicle tags, and change an address on their license or ID card from the comfort of their own home or at work by logging on to www.GoRenew.com.

Florida now requires additional documents to obtain a new or renewed driver license or identification card. Prepare for your next visit by bringing documents to show proof of 1) identification, 2) Social Security number and 3) residential address (two items). Customers who have legally changed their names must bring additional documentation. To find out exactly what you need to bring with you, visit www.GatherGoGet.com. The Department also has a Facebook page where customers can inquire or keep up with news that impacts Florida motorists at www.facebook.com/GatherGoGet.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles provides highway safety and security through excellence in service, education and enforcement. The Department is leading the way to a safer Florida through the efficient and professional execution of its core mission: the issuance of driver licenses, vehicle tags and titles and operation of the Florida Highway Patrol. Visit www.flhsmv.gov to learn more about DHSMV and the services offered or follow us on Twitter at FDHSMV.

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